

IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for collecting data through the Internet, ~~with the system characterized by the inclusion of~~ comprising a means for producing or arranging and editing personal-life information/advice in a question-and-answer format that includes a plurality of questions for obtaining desired data requested by businesses and or other organizations; a means for supplying the produced and edited personal-life information/advice, including a plurality of questions, to an individual user, who can receive the information at any time; a means for ~~selecting~~ collecting and analyzing the aforementioned desired data ~~from an~~ based on the individual user's answers to a plurality of questions when the individual user is obtaining that user is obtaining the personal-life information/advice; and a means for supplying the desired data, after it has been collected and analyzed, to the appropriate ~~business user~~ businesses or other organization that requested the desired data.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A data-collecting system, as claimed in Claim 1, in ~~which the system particularly includes~~ comprising a computer system that includes a set of databases and a central processing unit, ~~with~~ wherein the set of databases including a personal-life information/advice database, in which a plurality of personal-life information/advice ~~(for example, divination)~~ is recorded; an individual-users database, in which each individual user is registered and in which are recorded ~~personal data~~ identifying an individual user, such as the user's name, gender, address, telephone number, and so on, in order for the user to be able to access the personal-life information/advice, as well as ~~such other data as~~ including the user's access counts and answers to ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of questions that were inserted into the personal-life information/advice; a business-users database, in which businesses and other organizations are registered in order for them to be able to request that specified desired data be obtained; a data-requests database in which are recorded ~~a plurality of items or subject areas concerning which requests for data have been made by business users~~ the questions data and research results data based on answers to the questions; and a financial records database, in which are recorded ~~various financial~~

~~records a variety of financial information~~, including credits due to the individual users and the business/organization-users in connection with the use of this system; and ~~the central-processing-unit-containing a means of recording the names and~~ identification numbers of users in the individual-users database ~~and or the business-~~ users database, upon receipt of a signal, sent through the Internet, from the terminal computer of an individual user or business-user ~~requesting status for authentication as~~ a user; a means of receiving a request from a terminal computer of an individual user, ~~of referring to the personal-life information/advice database~~, and of transmitting to that ~~the user from the personal-life information database~~ suitable personal-life information/advice ~~(for example, divination)~~ that is selected according to the interests of that individual user; a means of recording into the data-requests database the business-users' requests for data to be obtained upon receipt of a request from a terminal computer of ~~such a~~ business-user; a means of referring to the data-requests database and selecting the type of data to be obtained, thereby to formulate questions to be inserted into the personal-life information/advice being provided to individual users; a means of recording ~~and storing~~ in the individual-users database individual users' answers to the questions in the personal-life information/advice, upon receipt of ~~[[a]] the individual~~ user's answers to those questions; a means of accessing the individual-users database and the data-requests database so as to analyze the totality of data accumulated in the individual-users database in order to prepare appropriate research-results reports to be transmitted to the terminal computers of the business-users; and a means for maintaining in the financial records database a variety of financial records, including fees to be imposed on individual users or business-users for the use of this system.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A data-collecting system, as is claimed in Claim 1, in which the system includes a means for paying to individual users ~~[[the]] a~~ remuneration ~~previously provided in advance~~ ~~[[for]]~~ by the business-users for responding to requests for data from the business-users.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A data-collecting system, as is claimed in Claim 1, in which the personal personal-life information/advice ~~mentioned above~~ includes

information concerning premiums or prizes being offered to the individual users by a business or other organization.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A data-collecting system, as is claimed in Claim 1, in which an individual-user's terminal computer is a ~~portable telephone~~ cellular phone or other type of mobile terminal.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A data-collecting system, as is claimed in Claim 1, in which the contents of the research questions comprise a first question unit that has a keyword by which the personal-life information/advice that relates to the everyday personal life of the Individual user is automatically selected; a second question unit for obtaining the individual-user's opinions relating to the individual-user's living area; and a third question unit that matches the individual-user's opinions, evaluations, impressions, knowledge, and so on, with the data requests of business users; whereby the individual user can select at least one ~~[[of]]~~ question to be answered from plural alternative questions.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A data-collecting system, as is claimed in Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, in which ~~a means for collecting data can also distribute~~ suitable personal-life information/advice is distributed to an individual ~~to a user~~ on the basis of the accumulated data-collecting results or the individual-user's answer, selected from among plural alternatives, to the questions, when data is collected using the ~~data-collecting system~~.

Claim 8 (new): A data-collecting system, as is claimed in Claim 2, in which the individual-users database includes the user's name, gender, address, telephone number, age, occupation, marital status, and nationality.